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| AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT | | 1. CONTRACT ID CODE | PAGE OF PAGES |
| 2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. PR-NC-03-10030/0001 | 3. EFFECTIVE DATE May 2, 2003 | 4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO. PR-NC-03-10030 | 5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable) |
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| 8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code) To All Offerors/Bidders. | | (✓) | 9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. PR-NC-03-10030 |
| | | ✓ | 9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 04/18/03 |
| | | | 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. |
| | | | 10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13) |
| CODE | FACILITY CODE | | |

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

☒ The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers ☐ is extended, ☒ is not extended. Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods:
 (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning 1 copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS, IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

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| (✓) | A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A |
| | B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b). |
| | C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF: |
| | D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority) |

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☐ is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

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| 15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) | | 16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) ROBERT D. FLOWERS | |
| 15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign) | 15C. DATE SIGNED | 16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer) | 16C. DATE SIGNED |

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SOLICITATION

1. The purpose of this amendment is to address specific questions/concerns posed by prospective offeror(s).

a. Section F.4 states that the period of performance for the contract "...shall be from the date of award through 9/30/04 inclusive of all required reports." Elsewhere the RFP indicates that a 5-year contract is contemplated. What will be the actual period of performance for the proposed contract?

RESPONSE: Clause F.4 has been revised as follows:

The period of performance of this contract shall be from date of award through 9/30/08 inclusive of all required reports.

b. Paragraph (c) of Section L.22 states that firms who provide services similar to those specified under the proposed contract to State or local agencies "...may have a significant potential organizational conflict of interest in relation to the requirements of this solicitation." What is the exact nature of the potential conflict that EPA foresees? For example, if the contractor provides carbonyl sample analysis using TO-11A to EPA as well as to one or more state agencies under a separate contract, how would this result in a conflict of interest? Is it EPA's intent to prohibit the contractor from performing similar work for any state or local agency, or is EPA referring only to potential conflicts of interest that might arise as a result of providing performance evaluation (PE) support as described under paragraph (c) of Section H.6?

RESPONSE: We are only referring to potential COI with PE samples.

c. Section H.3 and Section H.4 (an alternate) are clauses that pertain to organizational conflict of interest. Which one applies to this RFP?

RESPONSE: Clause H.4 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (EPAAR 1552.209-71) (MAY 1994) (ALTERNATE I (MAY 1994) applies. Clause H.3 is hereby deleted.

d. Section L.29 requires a summary chart of professional skill mix by the "RFP specified Labor Categories". Where are the specified labor category definitions located in the RFP, or will EPA provide them as an amendment?

RESPONSE: No specific labor mix is suggested by the Government. For the purpose of this solicitation, the following applies:

DEFINITION OF LABOR CLASSIFICATIONS

Offerors shall use the following labor classifications in preparing their technical and cost proposals:

PROFESSIONAL

(1) Level 4 - Plans, conducts and supervises projects of major significance, necessitating advanced knowledge and the ability to originate and apply new and unique methods and procedures. Supplies technical advice and counsel to other professionals. Generally operates with wide latitude for unreviewed action.

Typical Title: Project Leader, Chief Engineer

Normal Qualifications: Ph.D. Degree or equivalent; and Experience: 10 years or more

(2) Level 3 - Under general supervision of project leader, plans, conducts and supervises assignments normally involving smaller or less important projects. Estimates and schedules work to meet completion dates. Directs assistance, reviews progress and evaluates results; makes changes in methods, design or equipment where necessary. Operates with same latitude for unreviewed action or decision.

Typical Title: Project Engineer, Group Leader

Normal Qualifications: Masters Degree or equivalent; and Experience: 6-12 years

(3) Level 2 - Under supervision of a senior or project leader, carries out assignments associated with projects. Translates technical guidance received from supervisor into usable data applicable to the particular assignment coordinates the activities of juniors or technicians. Work assignments are varied and require some originality and ingenuity.

Typical Title: Engineer, Analyst

Normal Qualifications: B.S. Degree or equivalent; and Experience: 3-8 years

(4) Level 1 - Lowest or entering classification. Works under close supervision of senior or project leader. Gathers and correlates basic data and performs routine analyses. Works on less complicated assignments where little evaluation is required.

Typical Title: Junior, Associate

Normal Qualifications: B.S. Degree or equivalent; and Experience: 0-3 years

Experience/Qualifications Substitutions

(1) Any combination of additional years of experience in the proposed field of expertise plus full time college level study in the particular field totaling four (4) years will be an acceptable substitute for a B.S. Degree.

(2) A B.S. Degree plus any combination of additional years of experience and graduate level study in the proposed field of expertise totaling two (2) years will be an acceptable substitute for a Masters Degree.

(3) A B.S. Degree plus any combination of additional years of experience and graduate level study in the proposed field of expertise totaling four (4) years or a Masters Degree plus two (2) years of either additional experience or graduate level study in the proposed field of expertise will be an acceptable substitute for a Ph.D. Degree.

(4) Additional years of graduate level study in an appropriate field will be considered equal to years of experience on a one-for-one basis.

e. For costing line items 0005D, 0011D, 0017D, 0023D, and 0029D EPA specifies Category IV HAPS only, and for costing line items 0005E, 0011E, 0017E, 0023E, and 0029E EPA specifies both Category IV HAPS only and Category V HAPS only. Does EPA want costing for Category V HAPS only for line items 0005E, 0011E, 0017E, 0023E, and 0029E, or does EPA truly want a combined price for both Category IV and Category V HAPS?

RESPONSE: EPA does not want a combined price for both Category IV and Category V HAP's. The description "Category IV HAP's Only" has been deleted from line items 0005E, 0011E, 0017E, 0023E, and 0029E. The correct description for these line items is "Category V HAP'S Only."

f. Part I, The Schedule, has ordering period dates for the next 5 years, but the Statement of Work section states that this is a one year contract. Is this contract for a 1- or 5-year period?

RESPONSE: The contract is for a 5-year period.

g. I am having difficulty finding a copy of the report referenced in Attachment 7. Could you please direct me to another source other than the one referenced?

RESPONSE: The following internet site is provided. As noted in Attachment 7 of the original RFP, the report(s) can either be found at the internet site or the site includes information concerning obtaining a copy of the report(s). <http://www.epa.gov/ttnamtl1/info/pubs/ord.txt>

h. Should the cost proposal include costs associated with shipping -- specifically shipping items to the program participants and the participants returning items to the contractor?

RESPONSE: No. The Government will pay shipping costs through our Federal Express Account.